The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of the State Governments by various means, which include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State police forces, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions to the States, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works.

Amendment to prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 by Maharashtra

323. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra amended the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 so as to make all punishable offences cognizable and non-bailable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that presently the proposal is pending with the Ministry for comments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when his Ministry propose to send the above mentioned Bill for assent of President of India; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) The Prevention of Food Adulteration (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2006 passed by the Maharashtra Legislature was reserved by the Governor of Maharashtra for assent of President under Article 200 of the Constitution of India. The Bill provides for making all offences punishable under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, congnizable and non-bailable, so far its application to the State of Maharashtra is concerned.

(b) No, Sir. The President has given her assent to the Bill on 28th October, 2007. This fact has been communicated to the Secretary to the Governor of Maharashtra through a letter dated 31st October, 2007.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

Violation of rules by Blue line buses

324. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Blue line buses in Delhi overtake from the left side;

(b) if so, to what extent overtaking from the left side is in violation of MVA and rules framed thereunder;

(c) the number of Blue line buses booked for violating the overtaking from the left; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to amend the Act to impose stricter fine and jail to the drivers committing the offence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) The Supreme Court of India in CWP No. 13029/85-MC Mehta Vs. UOI & Others in its direction dated 20.11.1997 has ordered that "In view the scheme of the Act necessarily implies an obligation to use the vehicle in a manner which does not imperil public safety. The authorities aforesaid should, therefore ensure that the transport vehicles are not permitted to overtake any other four-wheel motorized vehicle". In view of the above, the transport vehicles including blue line buses in Delhi are not permitted to overtake any other four wheeled motorized vehicle. The

prosecution figures for blue line buses for the year, 2005, 2006, 2007 (upto 31.10.2007) for wrongly overtaking, violating the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India are given below:-

Year	No. of Prosecutions
2005	5264
2006	4302
2007 (upto 31.10.2007)	2412

Lessons learnt from judgement of Connaught Place shoot-out

325. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a court of Delhi has held on 31st March, 1997 in fake shoot-out case in Connaught Place, Delhi that the crime committed by Police was very serious and was an open violation of human rights but the court did not consider it appropriate to award death panalty to the accused; and

(b) if so, the lessons learnt by Delhi Police of this case and the action taken to ensure that henceforth no citizen of the country will be victimized by Police and to safeguard their human rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. However, Delhi Police is yet to receive a copy of the judgment. It is noteworthy that Delhi Police has been making sincere efforts even before the judgment of this case to sensitize its officers and to give top priority to safeguarding of human rights of the citizens. All complaints, in which police officers have been alleged to have violated human rights, are enquired into by the Vigilance Unit of the Police Head Quarters (PHQ) headed by the Special Commissioner of Police (Vigilance) and by the Vigilance Units of each District headed by an Assistant Commissioner of Police (Public Grievances). The supervisory staff has also been briefed to take preventive as well as remedial measures to check violations of human rights. This is also an important part of the curriculum at the Police Training College (PTC).

Terrorist incidents and infiltration

†326. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of terrorist incidents which occurred in the country during the last three years alongwith number of innocent citizens killed in such incidents;

(b) whether the incidents of infiltration from across the border have decreased in the meantime;

(c) if not, whether Government is formulating any plan to curb such acts of infiltration; and

(d) the State-wise details of the total number of terrorists punished so far in these cases out of those apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, the number of incidents of terrorist violence and civilians killed since 2005 upto 31.10.2007 is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) As per available information, there has been a slight decrease in infiltration from across the border into the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the year up to October 2007 as compared to the corresponding period last year.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.